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Via ECF

The Honorable Vincent L. Briccetti
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
300 Quarropas Street, Room 630
White Plains, New York 10601

Re: *United States v. Johnson, et al.*, 17 Cr. 505 (VB)

Dear Judge Briccetti:

We represent Natquan Catts in the above-referenced matter. We write to request that the Court waive Mr. Catts' appearance at the August 20, 2018 scheduled arraignment and arraign him on the same day as his scheduled guilty plea, *i.e.*, August 23, 2018. We have conferred with Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Clore and the government has no objection to our request. We thank the Court for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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cc: all counsel of record (*via ECF*)